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SUBJECT: LOS: EXTENSION OF CANADIAN JURISDICTION

REF: OTTAWA 1891

1. IN HOUSE OF COMMONS FOREIGN POLICY DEBATE JUNE 19, LED BY PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVE MP WALTER CARTER, A MOTION TO "ASSERT CANADAIN AUTHORITY" OVER CNTINENTAL SHELF AND BEYOND WAS DISCUSSED. DEBATE WAS VERY LENGTHY BUT PRIOR TO ITS START GOC HAD ALREADY DECIDED THAT IT WOULD NOT APPROVE OPPOSITION MOTION, WOULD NOT APPROVE ANY AMENDMENTS TO THAT MOTION, AND WOULD STICK WITH ITS PRESENT POSITION NOT TO EXTEND AUTHORITY UNI-LATERALLY.

2. COMMENT: GOC LOS OFFICIAL DESCRIBED DEBATE AS "A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO KNOW NOTHING ABOUT THE SUBJCT DISCUSSING IT AT GREAT LENGTH." HOWEVER,UNDER HOUSE OF COMMONS RULES, GOC COULD NOT PREVENT THE DEBATE FROM OCCURRING AND THE FACT THAT  
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IT TOOK PLACE REFLECTS PRESSURES WHICH ARE BEING PUT UPON

GOC TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION IN THIS SENSITIVE LOS  
MATTER. ALSO, IT DECISION TO IGNORE OPPOTION MOTION  
DOES NOT MEAN IT MAY NOT CHANGE ITS VIEWS LATER ON,  
DEPENDING ON HOW OTHER NATIONS ACT AND HOW MULTILATERAL DIS-  
CUSSIONS PROCEED PRIOR TO NEXT LOS CONFERENCE. ONE CANADAIN  
LOS OFFICIAL HAS EXPRESSED HIS PERSONAL THOUGHT THAT IT  
WOULD BE DOMESTICALLY POLITICALLY UNFORTUNATE FOR CNADA IF THE  
US WERE TO TAKE UNILATERAL ACTION BEFORE CANADA. SO PRESUM-  
ABLY GOC IS ANALYZING VERY CAREFULLY ANY EFFORTS IN US TO  
EXTEND JURISDICTION. SHOULD THIS ANALYSIS CONVINCE CANADAINS  
THAT US WILL TAKE ACTION. IT WOULD NOT BE SURPRISING IF CANDA  
QUICKLY ACTED FIRST. EARLIER (REFTEL - PAUL LAPOINTE),  
SAME OFFICIAL HAD INDICATED CNADA WOULD FOLLOW US  
LEAD IN THIS MATTER AND LATEST COMMENT SHOULD  
BE SEEN AS NOT INCONSISTENT WITH THAT STATEMENT. CANADA  
WILL STLLL PROBABLY FOLLOW US LEAD BUT MAY ACT CHRONO-  
LOGIACALLY BEFORE US IF IT THINKS IT PRUDENT TACTICALLY TO  
DO SO.  
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